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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Pat Evangelista
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway, 19th Floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

Re: Request for Information
Passaic River Study Area - Diamond Alkali Superfund Site
Our File: 01017.15

Dear Sir:

I'm responding to the Request for Information addressed to Mr. Thomas Azzarelli, President of Kleeer Kast, Division of PMC, Inc., 450 Schuyler Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032.

As stated in your December 24, 1996 letter, EPA is investigating the presence of hazardous substances in the sediments of the Passaic River relative to the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site. The purpose of the Request for Information is to gather data which may provide information regarding discharges into the Passaic River. In light of this, I do not believe that we can provide any relevant information to the investigation.

Kleeer Kast is located at 450 Schuyler Avenue which is on the east side of Schuyler and physically located below street level. This means that any and all water runoff or discharges would be to the east into Frank's Creek and eventually into the Hackensack River. It is physically impossible for Kleeer Kast to have any water runoff towards the Passaic River. Kleeer Kast therefore cannot provide any relevant information regarding your investigation of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site and the Passaic River Study Area. Under the circumstances, I do not believe any further response on behalf of Kleeer Kast is warranted.

Very truly yours,

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